

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A. Please replace the paragraph originally beginning at line 6 of page 1 with the following paragraph:

This application is related to the following commonly-assigned disclosure, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety: US Application No.
10/184,336, entitled "PROTECTION OF A LOW-K DIELECTRIC IN A
PASSIVATION LEVEL," Attorney Docket No. 10002.000900 (PM02007), filed on ~~the same day as this application~~ June 26, 2002 by Mira Ben-Tzur, Krishnaswamy Ramkumar, Saurabh Dutta Chowdhury, and Michal Efrati Fastow.

B. Please enter the following paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 1 (right after the "REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATION):

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/183,095, filed by Mira Ben-Tzur, Krishnaswamy Ramkumar, Saurabh Dutta Chowdhury, and Michal Efrati Fastow on June 26, 2002.